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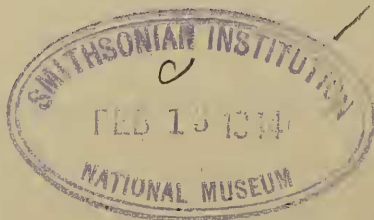
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### DECLARATION 3.

#### ON THE IMPORTANCE OF GIVING A CLEAR INDICATION OF THE DATE OF ISSUE OF EVERY ZOOLOGICAL PUBLICATION.

**DECLARATION.**—*Resolved* that editors be requested to give on each edition of all publications the exact date (year, month, day) of issue of said edition.

At their Session held at Monaco in 1913 during the Ninth International Congress of Zoology, the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature had under consideration the serious confusion in nomenclature arising from the issue of reprints in advance of the appearance of the original publication. In order to deal with this question without further delay, the International Commission adopted a resolution condemning this practice and recommended, "under unanimous suspension of the By-Laws if need be"<sup>1</sup> that the International Congress should itself approve and adopt as its own the resolution adopted by the Commission. This recommendation was approved by the Congress and the *Declaration* so adopted has since been embodied in *Declaration 2* of the Commission.

2. At the same time the International Commission took into consideration the wider question of the need for ensuring that every zoological work should bear on it the precise date of its issue. The Commission realised that this was a question that was not dealt with in the International Code and they accordingly decided to incorporate a resolution on this subject in the resolution relating to the issue of reprints (*Declaration 2*) which they then decided to submit to the International Congress for approval and adoption.

<sup>1</sup> The International Commission appear to have doubted whether the subject dealt with in the present *Declaration* was one on which, under the By-Laws of the Commission, they were authorised to enter. It was for the purpose of freeing themselves of any restraints which might thereby be imposed on their liberty of action that the Commission, in recommending this *Declaration* to the Congress for approval, agreed to do so "under unanimous suspension of the By-Laws, if need be". The Congress, in approving the *Declaration* recommended by the Commission, indicated thereby their approval of the procedure adopted by the Commission.

3. The two subjects were discussed briefly in paragraph (53) of the report submitted by the International Commission to the Ninth International Congress. Paragraph (54) of that report gave the text of the Resolution adopted by the International Commission; and paragraphs (55) to (57) set out the terms of the Resolution recommended to the Congress for adoption. The following is the text of the paragraphs in question:—

(53) *Date of Authors' Reprints or Separata.*—Among the cases recently submitted to the Commission for *Opinion* is one that involves a somewhat unusual point in respect to reprints. Under the present rules there is no article which permits the Commission to rule that all separata are of the same date as, or of a later date than, the original publication, although such a proposal has now been submitted as an amendment to the rules and will be considered in time for the Tenth Congress.<sup>2</sup> In the meantime, the Commission has instructed the Secretary to report the following Resolutions to the Congress:

(54) *Resolved*, That the Commission, under unanimous suspension of the By-Laws if need be, recommends to the Congress the adoption of the following Resolution, namely:

[Paragraphs (55) and (56), which relate to the question of authors' separata, are quoted in full in Declaration 2.]

(57) *Resolved*, That editors be requested to give on each edition of all publications the exact date (year, month, day) of issue of said edition.

4. The Commission's report was submitted to the Section on Nomenclature, by whom the paragraphs relating to the present *Declaration* were unanimously approved. The report was subsequently submitted to the Ninth International Congress of Zoology by whom it was considered at the Concilium Plenum held at Monaco on the afternoon of 30th March 1913. It had previously been decided that discussion of particular portions of the report should be confined to the meeting of the Section on Nomenclature. Accordingly when the report was brought before the Concilium Plenum, the Congress was asked to vote on it *en bloc*. The Congress thereupon adopted and approved the whole of the report against only four dissenting votes. In the circumstances described, these dissenting votes were necessarily directed against the whole report, but in view of the fact that the paragraphs in that report relating to the present *Declaration* were unanimously adopted in the Section on Nomenclature, it may be concluded that the dissenting votes were intended to refer not to the present subject but to those portions of the Commission's report on which unanimity had not been secured in the Section.

5. The present *Declaration* was concurred in by the nine (9)

<sup>2</sup> Owing to the war of 1914-1918 the Tenth International Congress of Zoology was not held until 1927, when this subject was again discussed. See *Declaration* 8.

Commissioners<sup>3</sup> present at the Monaco Session of the International Commission, namely :—

Allen; Blanchard; Dautzenberg; Hartert; Hoyle; Jentink; Monticelli; Stejneger; and Stiles.

6. The following six (6) Commissioners were not present at the Monaco Session and did not therefore vote on the present *Declaration* :—

Apstein; Dollo; Jordan (D. S.); Ludwig; Mitchell; and Schulze.

CERTIFICATE :

I, FRANCIS HEMMING, Secretary to the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, hereby CERTIFY that the present *Declaration* has been compiled from the records of the Proceedings of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature at their Session held at Monaco in March 1913 during the meeting of the Ninth International Congress of Zoology.

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11th June 1943.

<sup>3</sup> There were two Alternates (Dr. K. Jordan and Hon. Walter (later Lord) Rothschild) at the Monaco Session of the International Commission, but on that occasion Alternates attended only in an advisory capacity and were not accorded full voting rights.

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### Opinions and Declarations Rendered by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature.

*Volume 1* will contain *Declarations* 1-9 (which have never previously been published) and *Opinions* 1-133 (the original issue of which is now out of print). Parts 1-5 (containing *Declarations* 1-5) have now been published.

*Volume 2* commences with *Declaration* 10 and *Opinion* 134. Parts 1-15 (containing *Opinions* 134-148) have so far been published. The titles of these *Opinions* are given on the wrappers to Parts 1 and 2 of the *Bulletin*. Other Parts will be published shortly.

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